(c) Year-wise break up of anti-dumping cases during the last five years are as under:

Year	Number of cases initiated	No. of cases where definitive measures were imposed
2001-2002	30	21
2002-2003	30	21
2003-2004	14	11
2004-2005	12	07
2005-2006 (till 31.12.2005)	10	00

Excess supply in tea industry

*78. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the tea industry would be fraught with the challenge of excess supply as indicated in a recent Report of Food and Agriculture Organization; and

(b) if so, what strategy Government have evolved or propose to evolve to avoid a glut induced price crash in the next decade?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The report of the Sixteenth Session of the Inter Governmental Group on Tea of the Food and Agriculture Organization held at Bali, Indonesia in July 2005 has noted the continuing imbalance between supply and demand of tea in the international market and has expressed concern at the implied continuing pressure on international tea prices which was expected to persist.

(b) The approach of the Tea Board has been to coordinate closely the production with increased consumption. Various steps are being taken to increase the demand, including generic promotion highlighting the health and lifestyle aspects of tea as a beverage. The domestic consumption of tea is expected to grow in the coming years. The Board is also taking measures to control indiscriminate growth in tea plantation areas. The focus during the 10th Plan period is on improvement of the quality and

productivity of tea and not on increasing the planting areas in traditional areas. The development schemes of the Tea Board are oriented to this objective. Tea Board is also taking various quality control measures with a view to removing poor quality teas, which unnecessarily add to the increased tea production, but not to value.

At present, the tea prices have shown marked improvement over the prices prevailing in 2005. Government has set up a Price Stabilization Fund, the benefits of which are available *inter alia* to small tea growers having holdings up to 4 hectares, with the objective of providing financial relief to small growers when the prices of tea fall below a specified level.

Air-worthiness of Jaguar Fighters

*79. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Indian Air Force have raised doubts about the air-worthiness of the Jaguar deep penetration strike fighters, manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. and, reportedly, declined to fly the two Jaguars, delivered to the IAF recently at the Ambala airbase; and

(b) if so, the details of the operational/maintenance problems identified and steps being taken to rectify the snags?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Indian Air Force (IAF) has not raised any doubts on the air-worthiness of the Jaguar aircraft manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL). The IAF did not decline to fly the two Jaguar aircraft recently ferried in by the IAF to the Ambala airbase.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.